

chusetts, one bush of *Clethra alnifolia* with pink petals. It was growing in company with a dozen or more bushes of the same species which had the ordinary white petals. Every year since it was first observed the pink-flowered individual has blossomed true to its color. Some seasons it has been badly killed back by the winter; but in all cases shoots from the root have exhibited the pink petals when they have flowered. Finding in the botanical works accessible to me no mention of a pink-flowered variety of this species I sent specimens to the Gray Herbarium where further literature was consulted but no reference to this variation of color was found. As most, if not all, works on our flora, which mention *Clethra*, state that its flowers are white, it seems worth while to put on record this attractive exception.—LOUISE HOLMES HANDY, Fall River, Massachusetts.

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THE BULLETIN OF THE JOSSELYN BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF MAINE.—At the thirteenth annual meeting of the Josselyn Society, held at Oxford, Maine, from the 2nd to the 5th of July, the committee on publications reported as follows: "Recommended, that the Society issue a sheet called the Bulletin of the Josselyn Botanical Society of Maine; that the frequency of its issue be determined by the publication committee; that the publication contain an abstract of the minutes of the Society, with a list of the plants collected or identified at the meeting, and such other matter of interest as the committee shall determine." After due consideration this recommendation was adopted and as a result the first number of the Bulletin has been prepared and issued by Dr. Dana W. Fellows and Messrs. Clarence H. Knowlton and Edward B. Chamberlain, who constitute the present publication committee of the society. The paper is a twenty-four page octavo, prepared with evident care and including, besides detailed reports of the proceedings of the society during its thirteenth meeting, a list compiled by Mr. Chamberlain of the flowering plants and pteridophytes collected or observed by the society during its excursions in the towns of Oxford, Otisfield, and Norway, Maine. Copies of the Bulletin, at ten cents each, can be obtained of Mr. Edward B. Chamberlain, Cumberland Center, Maine.

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